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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reviewing our records, we note that the above-identified application was filed on August 8, 2003 and, to date, the application is still awaiting substantive action. Please advise the status of the application and when Applicant can anticipate action thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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